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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A processing device for flat products, comprising:

at least one feeder; and

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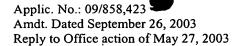
transport chain frames;

a gathering chain borne by said transport chain frames;

a conveyor said gathering chain being operatively charged with the flat products by said feeder and transporting the flat products in a transport direction;

said feeder being detachably connected to said conveyor transport chain frames in a working position.

Claim 2 (cancelled).



Claim 3 (previously presented): The processing device according to claim 1, wherein said feeder is mobile.

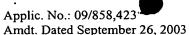
Claim 4 (previously presented): The processing device according to claim 1, wherein feeder includes fixing means for arresting said feeder at least in said working position.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The processing device according to claim 1, wherein said feeder forms a modular unit including a superstructure and a subframe carrying said superstructure.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The processing device according to claim 5, wherein said superstructure has a separating apparatus, and said subframe is equipped with one of rollers and wheels disposed to render said feeder mobile.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The processing device according to claim 5, wherein said subframe has guides and stops for positioning said feeder in said working position.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The processing device according to claim 1, wherein said conveyor has <u>transport chain frames</u> <u>have</u> stops for positioning said feeder in said working position.



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Claim 9 (currently amended): A collating device for flat printed products, comprising:

feeders disposed at respective working positions;

transport chain frames;

a gathering chain borne by said transport chain frames;

a conveyor said gathering chain being operatively charged with the flat printed products by said feeders;

at least one of said feeders being detachably connected to said conveyor <u>transport chain frames</u>.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (previously amended): The collating device for printed products according to claim 9, wherein said at least one of said feeders is mobile.

Claims 12-14 (cancelled).

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Claim 15.(currently amended): The collating device according to claim 9, wherein said conveyor has transport chain frames have stops for positioning said at least one of said feeders in a respective one of said working positions.

Claims 16-17 (cancelled).